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Re: Patent Application of Hirofumi KAWASHIMA
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In the Office Action dated June 12, 2003 respecting the captioned application, the newly cited references to Rudolf J. Dinger (4,379,244), Konno et al. (5,824,900), Pierre Debley (4,384,232) and EerNisse et al. (4,592,663) were not received.

Applicants respectfully request that the PTO furnish complete copies of these references and, since claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-26 and 28-38 have been rejected as unpatentable over Rudolf J. Dinger, Konno et al., Pierre Debley and EerNisse et al., it is requested that the date for responding to the June 12, 2003 Office Action be reset to run three months from the date of mailing of these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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